

June 2, 193

Julianus was beheaded. He had paid each man of the praetorian guard 6,250 drachmas. The praetorian guard had gone out for bids

193AD

CELTS

Clodius Albinus becomes emperor with the help of troops from Britain

9 April 193

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SEPTIMUS SEVERUS hailed  
as emperor on the Danube

Spring 193

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PESCENNIUS NIGER hailed  
as emperor in east.

D. Clodius Albinus made  
CAESAR by SEVERUS.

1 JUNE 193

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Death of DIDIUS JULIANUS

~ 193  $\Rightarrow$  211

DURANT

146  $\Rightarrow$  211

Septimius Severus lowered  
silver content of denarius  
to 50% of Republic times  
Died at York

193AD

PERTINAX murdered by  
the Praetorians, who offer  
the throne to the highest  
bidder, and force the  
Senate to accept the  
purchaser - DIDIVS JULIANUS  
PESCENNIUS NIGER, commanding  
CLODIVS ALBINUS in Britain  
and SEPTIMVS SEVERVS in ILLYRIA

declare against the usurper. While  
Pescennius is in arms in the East,  
Severus marches on Rome as the  
avenger of Pertinax, crushes  
JULIANUS and is proclaimed emperor.  
Severus emperor, disbands the Praetorian  
but makes large concessions to his  
own troops



193 (Jan. 1)

DURANT

Murder of Commodus.

193 → 193

born 126 AD died 193 AD

PUBLIUS HELVIUS PERTINAX

PERTINAX . Was proclaimed emperor

He reigned for less than  
6 mos. It was 3 mos

Severus took office

Born Liguria. Formerly a general  
he reluctantly succeeded Commodus  
Attempting to control Greece in  
the Praetorian Guard he was slain

by a soldier thus ending his  
brief reign of 3 mos.

Succeeded by Didius Julianus

193 → 193

born? died 193

MARCUS DIDIUS SALVIUS JULIANUS

DIDIUS JULIANUS - Was proclaimed  
emperor. (He lasted 2 months)

He was CONSUL under Pertinax  
on whose death the Praetorian Guard  
received bids for the position of  
emperor. Didius bid highest. Two  
months later he was murdered

When Septimius Severus, who would not recognize him, bought the support of the Praetorian Guard. Severus then succeeded him

193-211  
reigned

born 146 died 211

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS was  
proclaimed emperor

After 18 years as emperor he  
was succeeded by his son  
Antoninus, better known  
as Caracalla  
Ninth year of his reign was 201 AD

193 AD

JULIANUS BUYS THRONE 12<sup>th</sup> 8

After the murder of Commodus, the praetorians set up as Emperor a worthy Senator, PERTINAX; but in less than 3 months they mutinied and slew him. Then they auctioned off the imperial purple to the highest bidder, knocking it down to JULIANUS, a rich noble, who had offered <sup>5</sup>1000 acres to each of the 12,000 guards.

The three great armies (on the Rhine, the Danube, and the Euphrates) answered this disgraceful news by rebellion. Each army "proclaimed" its favorite

general, SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, the commander of the Danube, was the nearest of the rivals to the capital.

By swift action he secured the prize.



193-211 AD

SEPTIMUS SEVERUS

was a native of North Africa. He was a short-headed, determined, industrious man, merciless and cruel toward his foes, but sternly conscientious about the duties of his great office. He restored order & unity to the empire, and repulsed the barbarians. Most of his reign was spent in the East, where the Parthians were growing more and more dangerous; but he died in Britain - at the opposite frontier - where he had just been strengthening Hadrian's wall and

repelling the Scots. He greatly admired the  
Antonine emperors, and took the name  
ANTONINUS, in addition to his own. Another  
persecution of the Christians took place in his  
reign. For the watchword on the night of his  
death, he gave "Let us work" ("LABOREAMUS").

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Portinax was Emperor for a short  
time

193-211

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Septimius Severus was Emperor

193 AD

PERTINAX; JULIANUS I succeeded  
Commodus